



Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

Lake Worth Community Redevelopment Agency, FL

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Lake Worth Community Redevelopment Agency was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Lake Worth (population 35,574) is a medium-sized city in Palm Beach County distinguished by its diverse population. Nearly 30 percent of city residents are Hispanic/Latino in a county that is 12.5 percent Hispanic. Almost 36 percent of the population is foreign-born. Twenty percent of Lake Worth residents live below the poverty level, and approximately ten



Assessment Grant

New
2006

\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Lake Worth Community Redevelopment Agency for a brownfields assessment grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct community outreach activities, develop a quality management plan, update the city's inventory of sites, perform Phase I and II environmental site assessments, and develop cleanup plans for properties in the Lake Worth Redevelopment area.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

percent are unemployed. The city's redevelopment target area covers 518 acres, or 13 percent of city's land area. Lake Worth has already identified 37 potential hazardous waste sites and 86 potential petroleum sites within the target area. In addition, there are several commercial and industrial facilities in the center of the target area that are inconsistent with the city's redevelopment objectives and may pose environmental problems. These potentially contaminated and underutilized sites lower real estate values and brand the neighborhood as a run-down, poor, deteriorated, and high-crime area. The city believes that redevelopment of this blighted area will help establish environ-

mental justice, encourage private sector investment, raise real estate values, discourage urban sprawl, and reduce crime in the community.